FISCAL NOTE

SB 3011 - HB 3052

February 12, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines "open video system" as a facility operated by a local exchange carrier or other entity in compliance with the Federal Communications Act and F.C.C. regulations. Includes open video system in the definition of "cable system." Specifies that a cable television franchising authority may not employ terms more favorable or less burdensome upon an open video system operator or a municipal electric system than those imposed on a private provider of cable television service providing the same services within the authority's jurisdiction. Specifies that a franchising authority may not impose any local franchise requirement on a private provider of cable television which is not also applicable to an open video system operator or municipal electric system nor shall the franchising authority discriminate between providers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes local governments will experience an increase in revenues from franchise fees charged to open video system operators that must be equivalent to what is being charged to existing franchisees. This increase is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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